

A heavy snowfall nearly obscures College Hall and Chapel Hall behind students out to revel in the early closing of the campus on Jan. 22. Another major storm on Jan. 25 cancelled activities at Gallaudet and in the Washington area for a second day.

Gallaudet literacy expert takes professorship at York U.

"Reading and writing are not separate subject areas that teachers must drill into their students' minds," Dr. Carolyn Ewoldt insisted recently in a farewell presentation in the EMG Orientation Room. "They are two aspects of the single, dynamic process of literacy development, a process that teachers and parents too often fail to understand and sometimes impede rather than nurture, a process that is essentially the same for deaf and hearing children."

Ewoldt has been studying literacy development among profoundly deaf children in the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School since 1977.

Since 1980 Ewoldt has been a research scientist in the Gallaudet Research Institute's Center for Studies in Education and Human Development. She has also been an associate professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research. Her two-hour presentation in December, entitled "Recent Findings on the Development of Literacy in Deaf Children," was attended by 50 researchers and educators eager to learn what she had to say prior to her departure to Toronto, Ontario, where she moved last month to become a tenured full professor at York University.

The process of literacy development, as Ewoldt described it, involves the interaction of printed text with readers' previous associations with the words or semantic structures used by the writer, and with readers' guesses or assumptions as to what words or semantic structures may follow. Ewoldt stressed that when readers have few or no

previous associations with the words or idioms used in a story or text, a grasp of the overall pattern of the story is often the best way to strengthen their initially weak understanding of the details.

For this reason, Ewoldt strongly recommended reading stories again and again, a practice most children enjoy anyway. She also recommended associating the words or phrases in a story with experiences the children may have had, in order to build a better context for understanding the story.

Ewoldt said that deaf children's literacy development differs from hearing children's only in that their auditory associations with printed text are gener-

ally weaker. She has found that deaf children constantly compensate for their lack of auditory associations by striving to use graphic and contextual clues to strengthen their reading ability.

Ewoldt said that deaf children's natural inclination to try to make sense of what they read deserves educators' deepest respect. Rejecting the notion that deaf children's literacy levels trail appallingly behind those of their hearing peers, she suggested that standardized tests of deaf children's reading abilities may provide an unfair gauge of deaf children's capacity to use all available information to "fine tune" their reading and writing skills.

Controller's Office secretary makes Gallaudet's list of CPS achievers

Joyce McPherson, administrative secretary in the office of the Controller, was recently added to the growing list of Gallaudet people who have achieved Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) status.

Formerly a secretary in Computer Services, McPherson has been employed at Gallaudet for seven years. She holds an associate of arts degree in secretarial science from Prince George's Community College.

Gallaudet annually offers a special program and courses to help prepare staff for the rigorous six-part CPS exam given by the Institute for Certify-

ing Secretaries, a department of Professional Secretaries International.

The exam consists of sections on behavioral science in business, economics and management, office communication and administration, accounting, office technology and business law.

McPherson credited P.J. Sanders of the Personnel Department with providing inspiration for her achievement. "At times my determination lagged a bit," said McPherson. "But P.J.'s continued encouragement helped keep me going."

Anyone interested in applying for the CPS exam may call Sanders, x5352.

Profiles of alumni arts professionals featured in book

A book published in December by the National Endowment for the Arts and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, entitled "Profiles in the Arts," features four deaf artists, three of them Gallaudet graduates.

The book, a cooperative project of the two agencies, profiles the contributions made to the arts by 20 disabled people. Among them are actor, director and writer Bernard Bragg, '52; actress Linda Bove, '68; and media arts educator, director and producer Jane Norman, '68. Morris Broderson, a deaf painter and printmaker in Los Angeles, is also profiled.

State arts agencies and national arts service organizations nominated artists for the compilation of "Profiles." A series of panels in different arts disciplines met at the Arts Endowment to select the artists to be profiled from among 110 nominees. Final selections were made by the Arts Advisory Panel, made up of six artists and two arts administrators. Phyllis Frelich, '67, served on this panel.

In the forward to the book, violinist Itzhak Perlman said, "I hope this [book] will inspire administrators to look more carefully at their visual, performing media, design and literary arts programs, and take steps to allow someone with a disability to achieve full potential."

Arts Endowment Chair Frank Hodsoll said "Profiles" demonstrates what is possible, and calls on all of us to open the doors of opportunity to talented people regardless of disability."

The book is available for \$4.75 from the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402. When ordering, specify stock number 040-000-00501-3.



Joyce McPherson

Benefit game set for Feb. 28

The Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) will hold its 7th Annual Benefit Basketball Game on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the MSSD gymnasium, beginning at 5 p.m.

GCRC is looking for Gallaudet faculty, staff and students interested in joining the Gallaudet team, which will also include members of the District of Columbia Police's 4th and 5th Headquarters team. They will play against radio station WKYS's "Small Stars." Anyone interested in playing on the Gallaudet team should call Ben Baylor, Field House, x5375, or Bill Saunders, MSSD, x4034 (TDD).

Proceeds from the game will be used to benefit the D.C. House of Ruth, a shelter for battered women and their children, and New Life, Inc., an organization which trains disabled athletes.

A preliminary game will feature players from KDES and MSSD v. Kelly Miller Junior High School. The Kelly Miller Marching Lions will perform during half-time.

Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. For ticket information, or to purchase tickets, contact LaVarne Hines, x5263; Sharon Long, x5333; Bill Saunders, x4034 (TDD); and Al Couthen, x5167.

Announcements

The National Health Care Foundation for the Deaf is looking for a person to work half-time as a group house supervisor for deaf adults with mental illnesses. Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume to: Director, National Health Care Foundation for the Deaf, 3722 12th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

The hot-line numbers providing pre-recorded information about Gallaudet based on inclement weather conditions are 651-5656 (TDD) and 651-5666 (V).



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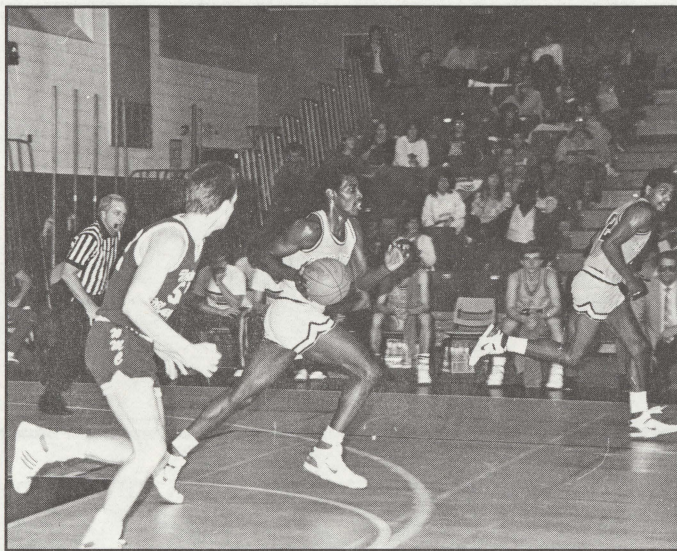
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ABOVE: All-American candidate David Hamilton (center) runs with the ball as Mike Torres (right) heads for position.

RIGHT: Angela Kuehn (#44) reaches to drive the ball to Gina Tester (right).



Men's, women's basketball going strong at midseason

The Gallaudet men's and women's basketball teams both sported winning records as they passed the midpoint of the season.

Both teams finished third in the Castle Classic Tournament at Manhattanville College in New York Jan. 24-25. In addition, a player from each team earned spots on the men's and women's all-tournament teams.

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Junior Mike Torres, a Bison center, gained all-tournament honors with 61 points and 24 rebounds in the tournament. Senior Robbin Washington of the Bisonettes racked up 48 points and 33 rebounds—the highest score of all women competitors—to make the all-tournament team.

By Jan. 20, the Bison stood at 8-4, reversing their record of 4-8 at that time last year. With the third place standing in the Castle Classic tourney, and a 129-77 win over Washington Bible College on Jan. 27, the team's record at press time is 11-5.

The Bisonettes, led by Washington and senior Angela Kuehn, stand at 8-5.



Co-coordinators and keyworkers of the 1987 Combined Federal Campaign honored at a recent luncheon are (left to right) Parvathi Narayan, Virginia Torabi, Regina Pradier, LaVarne Hines (vice chair), Pearl Hawkins, Elaine Vance, Linda Barries and Gloria Simms.

Among Ourselves

Yerker Andersson, professor of sociology and president of the World Federation of the Deaf, was one of the judges in a competition among national organizations sponsored by the National Organization of Disability. An award of \$5,000 was given to each of the three winners: the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., the National Board of the YWCA and the American Council on Education.

A panel discussion on "Careers in Office Systems" was held recently at the Northwest Campus, sponsored by the School for Preparatory Studies' Department of Technical Studies (TS). Eileen Matthews, chair of TS, welcomed participants, and Joanne Royce of Records Management served as moderator. On the panel were Gallaudet graduate John C. Yeh, president of Integrated Microcomputer Systems; Rinnette Redmond, University of Maryland; Carolyn Willis, Gallaudet; and Stephen Rabb, Science Application International Corp.

Alumni association to meet Feb. 10

The next meeting of the D.C. Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in "Ole Jim." Snacks will be provided at 5:30 p.m.; all members are urged to attend.

At its Dec. 9 meeting, the D.C. Chapter of GUAA voted to make contributions to the following:

The Uruguay Association for the Deaf for materials to be used in sign language training programs; the Egypt School for the Deaf; Otis House; Children's Hospital; and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School.

Nelly Monteghirfo, a teacher at the School for the Deaf No. 197 in Uruguay, spoke to GUAA members at the Dec. 9 meeting about deaf culture in her country. She thanked the association for its contribution, which enabled her to purchase some materials prior to returning to her country.

Monteghirfo was at Gallaudet participating in a research project with Mike Kemp, a professor in the Department of Sign Communication, on training sign language instructors to teach Uruguayan Sign Language. She returned to Uruguay on Jan. 8.

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Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Parallel attachment for IBM PC JR printer, \$55; 128 K memory expansion

board, \$90. Call Jeanie, 722-5815 (V/TDD) days or 572-5095 eves.

Jobs Available

Below are recently listed staff openings. For a complete list, call the job recording, x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

ART TEACHER: KDES

CUSTODIAN: Physical Plant

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM SUPERVISOR: KDES

FOR SALE: G.E. refrigerator, frost-free, 17.7 cu. ft., brand new, \$450/BO; queen size bed w/frame and mattress, \$100; '73 Datsun King Cab truck, 5 speed, AM/FM radio, sunroof, diesel engine, 26K, exc. cond., \$4,500/BO; 3 lamps, \$15 ea.; 2 pairs roller skates, men's size 9, women's size 7 1/2, \$10 each; ice skates, mens' size 8, \$10; electric can opener, \$5; electric warmer, \$10; folding table, 36" square, \$10; 8-pc. set of china, \$5. Call Tony, 890-2752 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Osterizer blender, good cond., \$27/BO; Posturanic full size mattress & matching box spring, almost new, \$175/BO. Call Steve, P.O. Box 569 or call 779-8655 after 6 p.m.